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FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY BRASILIA

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: TOCY, BR

SUBJECT: R/V OCEANUS CLEARANCE REQUEST, 10-24 NOV 1978

1. R/V OCEANUS, A PRIVATE VESSEL OPERATED BY WOODS HOLE OCEANOGRAPHIC INSTITUTION AND FUNDED BY THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION IS PLANNING TO CONDUCT RESEARCH IN BRAZILIAN WATERS DURING THE PERIOD 10-24 NOV 78. THE PURPOSE OF THE RESEARCH IS TO STUDY THE GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION OF GELATINOUS ZOOPLANKTON (COLONIAL RADIO-LARIANS, SALPS, SIPHONOPHORES, CTENOPHORES, MEDUSAE, AND PTEROPODS), AND TO COLLECT SPECIMENS FOR EXPERIMENTAL WORK. THE RESEARCHERS WILL ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE THE EFFECT GUANO HAS IN NUTRIENT ENRICHMENT AND PRIMARY PRODUCTION.

2. THE RESEARCH CRUISE TRACK WILL EXTEND FROM SENEGAL, ACROSS THE ATLANTIC TO BRAZIL. SCUBA DIVING, MID-WATER TRAWLS, AND SAMPLING WITH PLANKTON NETS AND NISKIN WATER SAMPLING BOTTLES WILL COMPRISE THE RESEARCH OPERATIONS.  
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THE SURVEY PARTY WILL LAND AT ROCHEDOS SAO PEDRO E SAO PAULO TO STUDY THE MARINE AND BIRD LIFE ON THE ROCKS AND TO OBSERVE THE PHYSICAL PARAMETERS OF THE OCEAN AROUND THE ROCKS. A VERY THOROUGH PROSPECTUS ON THE RESEARCH HAS BEEN PREPARED BY WHOI WHICH WILL SUPPLEMENT THE

INFORMATION PROVIDED HERE. THE PROSPECTUS WAS DESIGNED

TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF GOB DECREE LAW 63.164,  
ARTICLE 8. THE BRAZILIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, D.C.  
WAS PROVIDED A COPY ON 16 MAY AND DEPT. UNDERSTANDS THAT  
THE COPY IS BEING POUCHED TO GOB. BRAZILIAN EMBASSY  
INFORMED THAT WE ARE PLANNING TO PROCESS A REQUEST  
THROUGH AMEMBASSY IN BRAZIL AND WE ARE POUCHING THREE  
COPIES OF PROSPECTUS.

3. FYI - JUSTIFICATION FOR CLEARANCE IS BASED ON  
RESEARCH ON AND AROUND PETER AND PAUL ROCKS. OTHER  
STATIONS OFF BRAZIL ARE NOT WITHIN 3 MILES OR INVOLVE  
CONTINENTAL SHELF RESEARCH; THEREFORE, U.S. DOES NOT  
RECOGNIZE BRAZIL'S JURISDICTION EXCEPT FOR RESEARCH AT  
ROCKS WHICH IS CONSIDERED TO BE BRAZILIAN TERRITORIAL  
WATERS. CLEARANCE REQUEST HAS BEEN GENERALIZED TO  
MAINTAIN THIS POSITION. END FYI.

4. CHIEF SCIENTIST IS DR. G. R. HARBISON OF WHOI WITH  
A SCIENTIFIC PARTY OF 12. TWO BERTHS ARE AVAILABLE FOR  
GOB PARTICIPANTS AND TWO BRAZILIAN SCIENTISTS ARE ALREADY  
INCLUDED IN THE SCIENCE PARTY. ALL DATA RESULTS WILL  
BE FREELY SHARED.

5. SHIP'S CAPTAIN IS PAUL C. HOWLAND WITH A CREW OF 12.  
OCEANUS IS 297 GROSS TONS, 177 FT. LONG AND HAS A 17.5  
FT. DRAFT. RADIO CALL SIGN IS WYN 4084 AND SHIP MONI-  
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TORS 2182 KHZ AND CHANNEL 16 VHF.

6. PORT CALLS ARE PLANNED IN SENEGAL FROM 8-10 NOV  
AND IN RECIFE, 24-28 NOV. THESE WILL BE ARRANGED BY  
SHIP'S AGENT.

7. ACTION: EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO SEEK CLEARANCE  
FOR R/V OCEANUS TO CONDUCT MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH  
IN BRAZILIAN WATERS DURING PERIOD 10-24 NOV 1978. VANCE

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